

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

GEORGE ALLEN JR.,	)
	)
and	)
LONZETTA TAYLOR,	)
Plaintiffs,	) ) Case No. 4:14-cy-01398 RWS
v	)
THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, et al.,	)
Defendants	ý

# <u>DEFENDANT JOSEPH CROW'S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS'</u> <u>FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS DIRECTED TO</u> <u>DEFENDANT JOSEPH CROW</u>

Defendant Joseph Crow, by and through his undersigned counsel, and for his Objections and Responses to Plaintiffs' First Request for Admissions to Defendant Joseph Crow, states as follows:

#### **DEFINITIONS**

A. "Documents" shall mean all documents and things within the meaning and scope of Rule 34(a)(1), Fed. R. Civ. P, including but not limited to, any electronically stored documents and/or data and electronic communications (such as e-mail) stored in computers or otherwise, whether or not ever printed or displayed. A copy or a duplicate of a document that has any nonconforming notes, marginal annotations, or other markings, any preliminary version, draft, or revision of the forgoing and any electronic variations of the foregoing shall be considered a separate document within the meaning of this term.

- B. "City of St. Louis" refers to that political subdivision of the State of Missouri and any office, agency, or other component of the City of St. Louis, including, but not limited to the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, the Metropolitan Police Department of St. Louis, and the Office of the St. Louis Sheriff.
- C. "St. Louis Board" refers to the St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners and that political subdivision of the State of Missouri and any office, agent, agency, or other component of the St. Louis Board.
- D. "St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department" or "SLMPD" refers to that entity and any office, agent, agency, or other component of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.
- E. "State Legal Expense Fund" refers to that entity and any office, agent, agency, or other component of the State Legal Expense Fund, including but not limited to any person charged with administering any aspect of the State Legal Expense Fund.
- F. "Named Defendants" refers to all defendants named in Plaintiffs' Complaint, as well as the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the St. Louis Board, and the State Legal Expense Fund.
- G. "Related or relating to" means pertaining to, concerning, regarding, reflecting, discussing, referring to, mentioning, comprising or directly or indirectly related to.
- H. "Ownership, right, title or interest" includes any full or partial ownership interest or ownership interest held jointly or in common and any interest as a trustee or beneficiary of a revocable or irrevocable trust or other instrument.

### REQUESTS TO ADMIT

1. Admit that George Allen's conviction was overturned by Judge Daniel Green of the Cole County Circuit Court.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

2. Admit that the handwritten notes of Joseph Crow, described in Paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, were not produced to counsel for George Allen before he was convicted of murdering Mary Bell.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

3. Admit that the handwritten notes of Joseph Crow, described in Paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, were not produced to counsel for George Allen until more than 25 years after George Allen was convicted.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

4. Admit that the handwritten notes of Joseph Crow, described in Paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, should have been produced to counsel for George Allen before George Allen was convicted.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

Admit that the Scaggs Memo, described in Paragraphs 56-58 of Plaintiffs'
 Complaint, was not produced to counsel for George Allen before he was convicted of murdering
 Mary Bell.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

6. Admit that the Scaggs Memo, described in Paragraphs 56-58 of Plaintiffs'
Complaint, was not produced to counsel for George Allen until more than 25 years after George
Allen was convicted.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

7. Admit that the Scaggs Memo, described in Paragraphs 56-58 of Plaintiffs'

Complaint, should have been produced to counsel for George Allen before George Allen was

convicted.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

8. Admit that the torts alleged by Plaintiffs are covered by the State Legal Expense

Fund.

**OBJECTION:** Defendant objects to Request 8 as it calls for a legal conclusion

and requests admissions of law unrelated to the facts of the case.

9. Admit that the legal defense of some Named Defendants is being covered by the

State Legal Expense Fund.

**OBJECTION:** Defendant objects to Request 9 as it calls for a legal conclusion

and requests admissions of law unrelated to the facts of the case.

10. Admit that semen was found at the scene of the murder of Mary Bell.

RESPONSE: Admit.

11. Admit that the semen found at the scene of Mary Bell's murder came from

individuals with two different blood types: type B and type AB.

**RESPONSE:** Denied.

12. Admit that Mary Bell's boyfriend, Russell Watters, does not have type B or AB

blood.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

13. Admit that Mary Bell's husband, John Bell, does not have type B or AB blood.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

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14. Admit that George Allen does not have type B or AB blood.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

15. Admit that an internal SLMPD memorandum dated February 26, 1982, about the

investigation into Ms. Bell's murder, stated that the suspect may have type B or AB blood.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

Admit that, in 1996 or 1997, officials or agents of the City of St. Louis, the St. 16.

Louis Board, or the SLMPD wrongly told Mr. Allen, or representatives of the Innocence Project,

that there was no biological evidence from the crime scene available for DNA testing.

RESPONSE: Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made

reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable

Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 16.

Admit that in 2003 Mr. Allen sought DNA testing on the biological evidence in 17.

his case and the St. Louis Circuit Attorney consented to DNA testing.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

18. Admit that DNA testing was conducted in 2003 and 2004.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that testing was done in 2003. Defendant does not admit or

deny whether work was done in 2004. Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the

information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendants to admit or

deny whether DNA testing was done in 2004.

19. Admit that the DNA testing solely identified sperm from Mr. Watters on Ms.

Bell's robe.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

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20. Admit that the DNA testing conducted in 2003 and 2004 confirmed that Mr. Allen was not the source of any of the semen found at the scene of the crime.

**RESPONSE:** Admit in all regards except as to time of testing. See response to Request 18.

21. Admit that the DNA testing conducted in 2003 and 2004 confirmed that Mr. Allen was not the source of any of the semen that was attributed to Mr. Allen at his trial.

**RESPONSE:** Admit in all regards except as to time of testing. See response to Request 18.

22. Admit that there is no biological evidence connecting Mr. Allen to the crimes committed against Ms. Bell on February 4, 1982.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

23. Admit that there is no physical evidence connecting Mr. Allen to the crimes committed against Ms. Bell on February 4, 1982.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

24. Admit that George Allen did not break into Ms. Bell's apartment.

**RESPONSE:** Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 24.

25. Admit that George Allen did not rape or sodomize Ms. Bell.

**RESPONSE:** Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 25.

Admit that George Allen was not present during the rape of Ms. Bell on February4, 1982.

**RESPONSE:** Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 26.

27. Admit that George Allen is actually innocent of the rape and murder of Ms. Bell.

**RESPONSE:** Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 27.

28. Admit that George Allen spent more than 30 years in jail and prison for crimes he did not commit.

**RESPONSE:** Defendant does not admit or deny as Defendant has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or reasonably obtainable is insufficient to enable Defendant to admit or deny the assertions in paragraph 28.

Respectfully submitted,

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